

Shrewsbury Public Schools' Summer R.E.C.E.S.S.

(Reading Everyday Can Ensure School Success)

The Shrewsbury Public Schools in partnership with the Shrewsbury Public Library are delighted to offer a sixth year of this exciting program designed to enhance summer reading for students entering grades K-6.

Students may enroll in a session to hear their required books, or chapter of the required book, read aloud by adult volunteers. A discussion or creative activity will follow.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Students are invited to attend one session. Preregistration is required, using any one of the following methods you may:

- leave a voice mail message for Summer R.E.C.E.S.S at 508-841-8300, x1687
- visit the Children's Room at the library and speak to a librarian
- call the Children's Room at the library at 508-842-0081, x4 and leave a message.

All sessions will meet at the Shrewsbury Public Library in the

second floor meeting rooms. Please encourage your child to bring a copy of the book if possible, and your child's library card for family browsing afterwards. The schedule of morning, afternoon, evening and Saturday sessions follows. Expanded sessions scheduled on Saturdays may be of special interest to families since separate sessions will be held concurrently for first and third graders on July 13, second and fifth graders on July 20, and kindergarten and fourth graders on July 27. Several other concurrent sessions will be held during the week. Sessions correspond with the required reading list and grade level which your child will enter in the fall.

Grade K-choice from list
Tues., July 9, 10:00-10:45
Thurs., July 11, 4:30-5:15
Wed., July 17, 4:30-5:15
Sat., July 27, 9:30-10:15

Grade One-Léo the Late Bloomer

Thurs., July 11, 4:30-5:15
Sat., July 13, 9:30-10:15
Wed., July 17, 4:30-5:15
Thurs., July 18, 10:00-10:45

Grade Two-Frog and Toad are Friends

Sat., July 20, 9:30-10:30
Tues., July 23, 4:30-5:30
Thurs., July 25, 10:00-11:00

Grade Three-The Bee Tree

Sat., July 13, 9:30-10:30
Thurs., July 18, 10:00-11:00
Tues., July 23, 4:30-5:30

Grade Four-Trumpet of the Swan

Wed., July 24, 4:30-5:30
Sat., July 27, 9:30-10:30
Tues., July 30, 6:30-7:30

Grade Five-Shiloh

Sat., July 20, 9:30-10:30
Wed., July 24, 4:30-5:30
Thurs., July 25, 6:30-7:30

Grade Six-A Wrinkle in Time

Thurs., July 18, 6:30-7:30
Tues., July 30, 6:30-7:30

The new Shrewsbury High School is busy with workman preparing for the Fall opening



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Above: Workman build the cafeteria which is situated next to the 1st floor lobby. Below: The presentation room will be cabled with television for broadcast of school committee meetings and special school projects.



Remembering Middle School

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Middle School. A two word phrase that has taken up the better part of our lives for the past three years. We've gotten up early, gone to school, been academically, physically, and socially challenged, gone home, done our homework, and repeated the process all over again. We've made new friends and lost old ones.

All of us have gone through drastic emotional, physical, and social changes. We've explored our interests through sports and extracurricular activities. None of us are the same as when we came to the Middle School; we are stronger, smarter, and ready to face the challenges of High School.

As sixth graders, we realized that the Middle School was a whole new world; one with lockers, allied arts, and multiple lunch lines. As we grew familiar to life at school, we realized that it was not a scary, intimidating place, but rather a safe place to grow and learn. It was in sixth grade that some of us got our first zit, developed our first crush, or flunked our first test.

Seventh grade started and although we knew the ropes of the school, there was more adjusting to be done. There were tougher classes, new teachers, and new peers.

Field trips were the highlight of the year. The team-building trip to the YMCA camp provided us all with the opportunity to push our own limits, learn to depend on others, and grow as a team.

Some of us focused on our school work, while others concentrated on their ever-changing social lives.

Eighth grade was the year many of us had been looking forward to. We were the oldest in the school, which gave us a certain amount of respect.

Part of the eighth grade was located at the Middle School, while the other part was at the High School. It was only across the parking lot, but the opposite school seemed worlds away. The separation meant losing contact with some of our closest friends and meeting new ones.

Classes were more challenging and aimed at getting us ready for MCAS. Course selection reminded us of the fact that we would all soon be lowly freshman.

We will remember pretending to be astronauts on the Christa McAuliffe field trip, how uncomfortable the harnesses were at the YMCA trip, and the team pride displayed at Field Day. We will remember our first dance at the Knights of Columbus, throwing the tea overboard in Boston Harbor, and our complaints because we had to take out our trash during lunch.

As we look forward to the years ahead we will not forget the lessons we learned at the Middle School.



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